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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 CHERYL LYNN OBERG,

16 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:24-CR-0009-TOR-1

PROTECTIVE ORDER

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18 The United States of America, having applied to this Court for a Protective
19 Order regulating disclosure of the discovery materials and the sensitive information
20 contained therein to defense counsel in connection with the Government's discovery
21 obligations, and the Court finding good cause therefore, **IT IS HEREBY**
22 **ORDERED:**

23 1. The United States' Unopposed Motion for Protective Order Regulating
24 Disclosure of Discovery and Sensitive Information is **GRANTED**.

25 2. The United States is authorized to disclose the discovery including
26 sensitive information and materials (hereinafter "Discovery") in its possession
27 pursuant to the discovery obligations imposed by this Court.

1 3. Government personnel and counsel for Cheryl Lynn Oberg
2 (“Defendant”), shall not provide, or make available, the sensitive information in the
3 Discovery to any person except as specified in the Order or by approval from this
4 Court. Counsel for Defendant and the Government shall restrict access to the
5 Discovery, and shall only disclose the sensitive information in the Discovery to their
6 client, office staff, investigators, independent paralegals, necessary third-party
7 vendors, consultants, and/or anticipated fact or expert witnesses to the extent that
8 defense counsel believes is necessary to assist in the defense of their client in this
9 matter or that the Government believes is necessary in the investigation and
10 prosecution of this matter.

11 4. Third parties contracted by the United States or counsel for Defendant
12 to provide expert analysis or testimony may possess and inspect the sensitive
13 information in the Discovery, but only as necessary to perform their case-related
14 duties or responsibilities in this matter. At all times, third parties shall be subject to
15 the terms of the Order.

16 5. Discovery in this matter will be available to defense counsel via access
17 to a case file on USA File Exchange. If necessary to review discovery with their
18 respective clients, defense counsel may download the discovery and duplicate only
19 once. Discovery materials may not be left in the possession of Defendant. In order
20 to provide discovery to a necessary third-party vendor, consultant, and/or anticipated
21 fact or expert witness, counsel for Defendant may duplicate the discovery only once.
22 No other copies may be made, by defense counsel or the Defendant, without prior
23 approval from this Court.

24 6. All counsel of record in this matter, including counsel for the United
25 States, shall ensure that any party, including the Defendant, that obtains access to
26 the Discovery, is provided a copy of this Order. Any other party that obtains access
27 to, or possession of, the Discovery containing discovery information once the other

1 party no longer requires access to or possession of such Discovery shall promptly
2 destroy or return the Discovery once access to Discovery is no longer necessary. No
3 other party that obtains access to or possession of the Discovery containing sensitive
4 information shall retain such access to or possession of the Discovery containing
5 sensitive information unless authorized by this Order, nor further disseminate such
6 Discovery except as authorized by this Order or the further Order of this court. For
7 purposes of this Order, “other party” is any person other than appointed counsel for
8 the United States or counsel for Defendant.

9 7. All counsel of record, including counsel for the United States, shall
10 keep a list of the identity of each person to whom the Discovery containing sensitive
11 information is disclosed and who was advised of the requirements of this Order.
12 Neither counsel for Defendant nor counsel for the United States shall be required to
13 disclose this list of persons unless ordered to do so by the Court.

14 8. Upon entry of a final order of the Court in this matter and conclusion
15 of any direct appeals, government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall retrieve
16 and destroy all copies of the Discovery containing sensitive information, except that
17 counsel and government personnel may maintain copies in their closed files
18 following their customary procedures.

19 9. Government personnel and counsel for Defendant shall promptly report
20 to the Court any known violations of this Order.

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter
22 this Order and provide copies to counsel.

23 **DATED** this 31st day of January 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas O. Rice".

THOMAS O. RICE
United States District Judge